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BSC TOURNEY THIS WEEK  
FOR UM WRESTLERS/BENN  
NAMED WRESTLER OF WEEK  
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MISSOULA--

With the return of a defending champion the University of Montana wrestling team looks optimistically ahead this Saturday at the Big Sky Championships in Pocatello, Idaho.

The Grizzly grapplers were also happy to hear that 142-pounder Brad Benn had been selected as Wrestler of the Week by the BSC. Benn, a junior from Olympia, Washington via North Idaho Junior College, had two victories last Thursday in UM's three-way meet with Idaho State and Montana State.

Lamont Roth, a titlist at 158 pounds last year as a freshman, is the UM wrestler who will return to the lineup this Saturday for the BSC tourney. Roth, who had compiled a 12-5 record earlier this year, had knee surgery just three weeks ago, but returned to action against ISU and MSU, although wrestling in JV matches.

UM wrestling coach John Jerrim said he expected Weber State to be the team to beat Saturday, "because they have so much depth." He added, "Boise State, Idaho State and us should be next."

"We have four weight classes we could make to the finals," Jerrim said. "Our '42, '58, '67 and heavyweight could win their classes. We have a couple of other weights which could do it too, we just lack depth."

The UM probable lineup:

118 -- Dan Boucher; 126 -- Mike Tice; 134 -- Wade Romans or Jim Brubaker; 142 -- Brad Benn; 150 -- Matt Popham; 158 -- Lamont Roth; 167 -- Jim Clowes; 177 -- Neal Freitas; 190 -- Mike Pantzlauff; Hwvt. -- Dan Scow.

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